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### Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** April 6, 2011 / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Chair:** Blake Trask  
**Vice Chair:** Max Hepp-Buchanan  
**Recorder:** Kelsey Jones-Casey  
**Location:** Seattle City Hall, L280

#### Minutes Distribution List:

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#### Members Present:

Ann Boyd; Allegra Calder; Jodi Connolly; Matthew Crane; Gabe Grijalva; Max Hepp-Buchanan (Vice Chair); Kelsey Jones-Casey; Neal Komedal; Jean White

#### Members Absent:

Sean Cryan; Anna Telensky; Blake Trask (Chair)

#### Guests:

Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw; Tracy Burrows, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT); Ref Lindmark, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III (CTAC III); Susan McLain, Seattle Department of Planning and Development (DPD); Robert Scully, DPD; Sam Woods, SDOT; Doug Cox, SDOT; Jim Keller, Siteworkshop; Laura Rabuck; Michael Snyder; Lucia Gregory; Aili LePard, Merlin Rainwater

#### MEETING CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Max Hepp-Buchanan.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Comments by members of the public:
  - There is a bike detour in the Terminal 46 area. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has, however, removed its restriction of bicycles from the street. Now bicycles can use the street both directions. They have also changed signage to read “bicycles merge with traffic”. Navigating the construction is still difficult southbound.
  - Seattle City Councilmember Sally Bagshaw – Reported on her visit to Portland to see their Neighborhood Greenways. Thirty delegates from Seattle attended this visit. Delegates went on a bicycle tour to see converted residential streets. Noted that process of developing these greenways was very participatory; the City went door-to-door to assess neighborhood interest. Of special interest to Councilmember Bagshaw were the traffic-calming “sleeping policemen” speed bumps that slow vehicle

The Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board shall advise the City Council, the Mayor, and all departments and offices of the city on matters related to bicycling, and the impacts which actions by the city may have upon bicycling; and shall have opportunity to contribute to all aspects of the city's planning processes insofar as they relate to bicycling.

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traffic. The Councilmember is interested in promoting this model, and working with neighborhood groups to encourage the design of neighborhood greenways. She has asked for SBAB's advice on where these greenways should be implemented to encourage connections (like between parks, for example). SBAB will follow-up with the Councilmember as needed.

- The Group Health facility map now has an icon for bicycle parking (except for bicycle parking in the garage). This has not yet been incorporated into their website maps.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Time:* 6:10 p.m.

### **Topic: CTAC III Request for SBAB Input and Priorities**

*Presenters:* Tracy Burrows, SDOT; and Ref Lindmark, CTAC III Co-Chair

*Purpose:* Brief SBAB on CTAC III's responsibilities for funding allocation and request input from SBAB on bike infrastructure priorities.

#### *Findings / Critical Points:*

- The Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee III (CTAC III) was created through an ordinance last fall when the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee were formed.
- Half of their members are nominated by City Council, and half are nominated by the Mayor's Office. Their members represent labor, bicyclist, business, community and environmental organizations, transit and developers.
- Their two primary functions are to: 1) make recommendations on what the revenue from the \$20 vehicle license fee for registering new vehicles should be used for; and 2) to make recommendations on what future transportation funding should be used for (potential revenue sources include increased vehicle license fees, tolling, gas tax).
- The existing Bridging the Gap levy uses a property tax levy to improve roadways, fix bridges, signs, landscaping, etc. Some of this funding goes towards Bicycle Master Plan (BMP) implementation, adding service hours to Metro buses, etc. Neighborhoods also have some input on how this funding is used. Bridging the Gap set the precedent for CTAC III. Bridging the Gap expires in 2015, at which point it will be up for renewal.
- CTAC III holds community meetings and convenes focus groups to better understand citizens' priorities for the funding, and their preferred funding mechanisms. This outreach informs the committee's own priorities.
- During the next two weeks they will be making decisions about how to spend the \$20 vehicle license fee revenue, which will equal approximately \$6.8 million annually. Their next task will be to make recommendations about an upcoming ballot measure to generate additional transportation funding.
- CTAC III has asked SBAB to give them a list of priority projects or programs by April 22, 2011.

#### *Action Item or Follow-Up:*

- SBAB will develop a set of recommendations and project priorities via work group during the next two weeks and send to CTAC III co-chairs by April 22, 2011.

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*Time:* 6:40 p.m.

### **Topic: West Seattle Triangle Concept Plan**

*Presenter:* Susan McLain and Robert Scully, Seattle DPD

*Purpose:* Provide SBAB with a briefing on the West Seattle Triangle Concept Plan

*Findings / Critical Points:*

- This concept plan is already partially-completed.
- The project began in 2008 to examine ways the study area could serve as a “gateway” to West Seattle.
- The study area is characterized by mixed-uses, independent small businesses, heavy and “unorganized” on-street parking, a YMCA, and surrounded by quickly developing neighborhoods (for example, an auto dealership that was recently sold and will likely be developed). Streets within this triangle have varying widths. Fauntleroy Way SW is a city-designated major truck street (with more than 40,000 vehicles per day and very fast-moving traffic).
- The project team is concerned with creating a relationship between the streets and buildings (most of which have out-front parking), possibly by using a “shared street” model on 36<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave SW.
- They are working towards two outcomes: 1) land use code changes and design recommendations for private property; and 2) a street design concept plan for changes over time as the place develops.
- They have thus far hosted six advisory group meetings, met with the design and planning commissions, and spoken with community groups.
- The BMP currently includes sharrows on north-south running streets, including one that crosses Fauntleroy Way SW. The project team proposes sharrows with a bus lane on SW Alaska St with a bike lane (the bike lane is absent for approximately 1 block due to on-street parking) that goes through Fauntleroy Way SW and continues onto 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW.
- Specific questions about signalization and intersection engineering should go to Carol McMahon at SDOT.

*SBAB Comments/Questions:*

- There were many questions and concerns from both SBAB and guests regarding signalizations of all left turns within the study area (for example, a bike box and bicycle signal were proposed for 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Avalon Way).
- SBAB has concerns about the “shared street” model within the study area because it is not residential and the corridors will not have restricted access for motor vehicles.
- It was recognized that the transition from SW Alaska St to Fauntleroy Way SW is a difficult one for cyclists, and that Fauntleroy Way SW is a major thoroughfare to the ferry dock and Lincoln Park.
- The proposed back-in angled parking presents a potential safety concern for cyclists.

*SBAB Recommendations:*

- SBAB recommends that bike lanes or buffered bike lanes be installed in place of sharrows on the identified “shared streets” and that the intersections along the corridors be given special attention and treatments for the safety of cyclists.
- SBAB recommends that the back-in angled parking be reassessed for the safety of cyclists on those streets.
- SBAB recommends that an SDOT planner or engineer be involved in the concept plan to help improve the critical movements through the intersections for cyclists, such as 35<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Avalon Way, and 36<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and SW Avalon Way.

*Action Item or Follow-Up:*

- DPD will locate traffic volume data on the two roads where bicycle routes are proposed.
  - SBAB will schedule a work group for this project to make further recommendations for potential bicycle facilities, left turn movements, and bicycle parking.
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*Time:* 7:40 p.m.

***Topic:* SDOT Update**

*Presenter:* Doug Cox and Sam Woods, SDOT

*Purpose:* Update SBAB on SDOT's plans for BMP implementation in 2011

***Findings / Critical Points:***

- SDOT has recommended that the City move forward on rechannelization of NE 125<sup>th</sup> St between 28<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and 35<sup>th</sup> Ave NE. The Mayor is expected to make a decision soon.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- Max Hepp-Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENT A**

### **April Meeting Minutes Distribution List:**

Michael McGinn, Mayor, City of Seattle

Rebecca Deehr, Strategic Advisor for Policy and Outreach, Office of the Mayor

City Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Transportation Committee Chair

Peter Hahn, Director, Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT)

Sam Woods, Manager, Bicycle, Pedestrian & Neighborhood Program & Project Development, SDOT

Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development (DPD)

Bernie Agor Matsuno, Interim Director, Department of Neighborhoods (DoN)

Doug Cox, Assistant Transportation Planner, SDOT Liaison

Eric Widstrand, Traffic Operations Manager, SDOT

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City of Seattle Council Transportation Committee Members

City of Seattle Neighborhood District Coordinators

Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board (SBAB) Board Members

Individual Meeting Attendees